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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/22/05</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the side member provided detachably on the other side of the second short cylindrical unit, as claimed on lines 7-9 of claim 5, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schreck (US 4,583,315).

Schreck discloses a first spool unit 20' having a first short cylindrical unit around whose outer periphery a fishing line is wound;

a second spool unit 20 having a second short cylindrical unit around whose outer periphery a fishing line is wound, the second spool unit being disposed inside the first short cylindrical unit in such a fashion that a center of the second short cylindrical unit substantially coincides with a center of the first short cylindrical unit; and

a support 26, 30 mechanism for supporting the second spool unit in such a fashion that the second short cylindrical unit rotates about the center thereof.

In regards to claim 2, Schreck discloses the support mechanism comprises:

a support shaft 26 provided in one of the first spool unit and the second spool unit; and
a receiver shaft 30 provided in the other one of the first spool unit and the second spool unit to be coupled to the support shaft.

In regards to claim 3, Schreck discloses the spool further comprises a stopper 38 for preventing the fitting between the support shaft and the receiver shaft from being released.

In regards to claim 4, Schreck discloses a flange is formed on one side of the first spool unit and on one side of the second spool unit, and each of the flanges is provided with a line holder for holding an end of the fishing line.

In regards to claim 5, Schreck discloses the second spool unit comprises a knob to be gripped by an angler.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schreck in view of Henrion (US 2004/0035973 A1).

Henrion teaches a rib (Fig. 1-3) is formed on the outer periphery of the first short cylindrical unit or the second short cylindrical unit along a circumferential direction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the winding surface of Schreck to include a rib as suggested by Henrion, to separate two different winding sections.

Claims 8-12 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schreck in view of Broos (US 3,442,464).

Broos teaches a side member 12 provided detachably on the other side of the first short cylindrical unit.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the spool flange of Schreck to include a detachable side member as suggested by Henrion, to easily remove the wound material.

Claims 13, 14, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schreck as modified by Broos as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Henrion.

Henrion teaches a rib (Fig. 1-3) is formed on the outer periphery of the first short cylindrical unit or the second short cylindrical unit along a circumferential direction.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the winding surface of Schreck to include a rib as suggested by Henrion, to separate two different winding sections.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

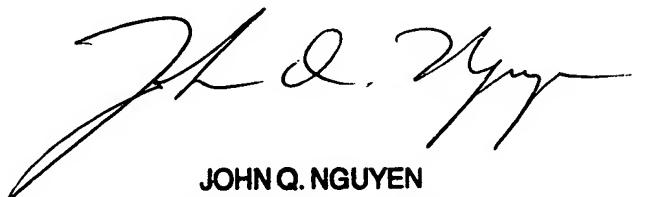
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan H. Langdon whose telephone number is (571)272-6948. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (571) 272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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